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German publications. Consequently the work is not based on a personal first-hand acquaintance with either the conditions under which the movement has proceeded or with the leaders. It is a closet study.

The wonder is that under these circumstances so few mistakes have crept into the narrative. Statements of fact are in general correct; it is chiefly in matters of emphasis and selection of facts that one would differ from the author. The book is quite objective and constitutes a sort of encyclopedia of the external history of trade unionism. It will doubtless be useful for those who wish to inform themselves briefly as to what has been done in other countries.

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#### NEW BOOKS

BAUER, S. *Das Existenzminimum in Recht und Wirtschaft.* (Vienna: Manz'sche Buchh. 1914. Pp. 24.)

BROWN, R. G. *The minimum wage. With particular reference to the legislative minimum wage under the Minnesota statute of 1913.* (Minneapolis: Review Pub. Co. 1914. Pp. xv, 98. \$1.)

Essentially, this is a brief prepared for the purpose of demonstrating the unconstitutionality of the Minnesota minimum wage law. The author founds his case in part on alleged special defects of the Minnesota law, in part on considerations that would apply to any compulsory minimum wage law. In particular, the author holds that the power to enact a minimum wage law is not included within the police powers of a state legislature, and cites with approval a dictum of the supreme court of Indiana (*Street v. Varney Electrical Co.*, 160 Ind. 338) to the effect that "legislation which interferes with the operation of natural and economic laws defeats its own object, and furnishes to those whom it professes to favor few of the advantages expected from its provisions."

More interesting to the economist is the author's discussion of the comparative merits of the different minimum wage laws that have been enacted in this country. He is least opposed to the Massachusetts law, because in his judgment this act "recognized the fact that the principal efficacy of legislation is the promotion of coöperation in the effort to raise wages, and that a drastic compulsory act would result, not only in consternation among employers, but also in discrimination and even disaster to business. . . ." (p. 36).

Any one who is sufficiently interested in the minimum wage to read this book should not fail to examine the appendix to the briefs filed on behalf of respondents in the case of *Settler v. Industrial Welfare Commission of the State of Oregon*, prepared by Louis D.

Brandeis, assisted by Josephine Goldmark, publication secretary of the National Consumers' League.

A. N. HOLCOMBE.

CHAPMAN, S. J. *Work and wages. In continuation of Lord Brassey's "Work and Wages" and "Foreign Work and English Wages."* Part 3, *Social betterment.* (New York: Longmans. 1914. Pp. viii, 382. \$3.)

To be reviewed.

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LENNARD, R. *Economic notes on English agricultural wages.* (New York: Macmillan. 1914. Pp. ix, 154. \$1.40.)

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SUFFERN. *Conciliation and arbitration in the coal industry of the United States.* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 1914.)

WRIGHT, A. *Disturbed Dublin. The story of the great strike of 1913-14, with a description of the industries of the Irish capital.* (London: Longmans. 1914. Pp. 350. 3s. 6d.)

*Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes on interstate railroads. Constructive and rebuttal speeches of the New England Triangular League debates, 1914.* (White Plains, N. Y.: H. W. Wilson. 1914. Pp. 114. \$1.)

*Compulsory minimum wage scale. Constructive and rebuttal speeches of the representatives of Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa, in triangular debates with Leander Clark and Penn Colleges, 1914.* (White Plains, N. Y.: H. W. Wilson. 1914. Pp. 54. 50c.)

*History of the Westinghouse strike, East Pittsburgh, Pa., the greatest struggle ever waged between capital and labor.* (Turtle Creek, Pa.: Foley & Pierce. 1914. Pp. 133, illus.)

*Labour protection in metalliferous mines and quarries. Second report of the Royal Commission on Metalliferous Mines and Quarries.* Cd. 7476-8. Three volumes. (London: Wyman. 1914.)

*Minimum wage. Constructive and rebuttal speeches of the Chicago representatives in the Central Debating League, 1914.* (White Plains, N. Y.: H. W. Wilson. 1914. Pp. 51. \$1.)

*Report on strikes and lock-outs and on conciliation and arbitration boards in the United Kingdom in 1913, with comparative statistics.* Cd. 7658. (London: Board of Trade. 1914. Pp. 1, 282.)

*Arbeits- und Lebensverhältnisse der Frauen in der Landwirtschaft.* Nos. 4, 5, 6. *Schriften des ständigen Ausschusses zur Förderung der Arbeiterinnen-Interessen.* (Jena: Fischer. 1914.)